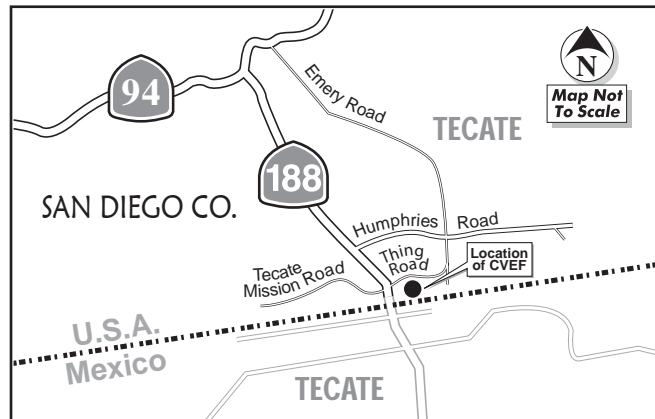




PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Availability of the Environmental Document and Public Hearing/Notice of Intent to Adopt a Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to construct a new Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility (CVEF) in Tecate. The facility will be operated by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and will include office space, truck scale, inspection bays, paving for truck circulation within the CVEF, and parking. In addition, to the proposed CVEF there will be operational improvements at the intersection of SR-188 and Thing Road.

WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans has studied the effects the project alternatives may have on the environment. Our studies show that the project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. An Initial Study (IS) and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) which discusses potential project impacts has been prepared. This notice is to inform you of the IS and MND, its availability for review, and a scheduled public hearing. The public hearing is to give you an opportunity to review and discuss proposed project features and the results of environmental studies before a final environmental document is prepared. Caltrans intends to adopt this MND pending completion of the public review period that ends **August 29, 2005**.

ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEARING:

There will be no formal presentation. This will be an "Open Forum" hearing where you will have the opportunity to speak directly with Caltrans representatives about the project and its environmental impacts. All substantive comments will be addressed in the Final Environmental Document.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The IS and MND which describes the project is now available to the public for review at the following locations: Potrero Branch Library, 24883 Potrero Valley Road, Potrero, and the Caltrans Office in Old Town, 2829 Juan Street, San Diego.

Project maps/plans, the IS and MND, technical reports, and other project information are also available for review and copying at the Caltrans District Office located at 2829 Juan Street, San Diego on weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To obtain a copy of the IS and MND, write to Dave Walcott, Caltrans, P.O. Box 85406, San Diego, CA 92186-5406. The environmental document will also be available on-line at the following web address: www.dot.ca.gov/dist11.

WHERE YOU COME IN

Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Do you agree with the findings? Your comments will be part of the public records. If you wish, you may make comments at the public hearing, or submit written comments until **August 29, 2005** to: Dave Walcott, Caltrans, P.O. Box 85406, San Diego, CA 92186-5406. If there are no major concerns or comments on the project, Caltrans will proceed with the final project design.

PUBLIC HEARING:

TIME: August 23, 2005
5 p.m to 7 p.m.

PLACE: San Diego County Library - Potrero Branch
243883 Potrero Valley Road, Potrero, CA

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign or Foreign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the District 11 Public Information Office at (619) 688-6670 at least 14 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or 619/688-3214.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Dave Walcott, Project Manager, at (619) 688-3298, or John Chisholm, Senior Environmental Planner, at (858) 616-6610. For general information about transportation issues, please call the Caltrans Public Information Office at (619) 688-6670.